

SRI K. PUTTASWAMY.—I would like to know whether Hotel Metropole is a five-star or three-star hotel. The K.R.S. Hotel is a small hotel which is expected to cater to the needs of the common man there. This being so, what is the object in calling for tenders only from five-star hotels? Is it to minimise competition?

SRI M. MOHAMMED ALI.—The purpose was to give a very high standard of catering because in these hotels mostly foreigners come and stay. These hotels have to mostly keep in view the requirements of foreigners who come. That is the reason why gradation of hotels has been done by the Government of India to encourage foreign tourism.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

**Questions for Answers on the Day
but not taken (up)**

**Misappropriation of funds by the Chairman, of DPP
Co-operative Society of Itagi Village.**

536. **SRI K. B. KOLIWAD (Ranibennur).**—Will the minister for Co-operation be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that the Chairman of D. P. P. Co-operative Society of Itagi village in Ranibennur taluk has misappropriated the funds of the said society;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter :
- (c) the amount misappropriated ?

SHRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Administrator of the Society has been directed to lodge a criminal complaint and also to file arbitration case on the Ex-Chairman and Ex-Secretary of the Society.
- (c) Rs. 13,068-31.

Rig wells in Tumkur

409. **SRI ANDANAI AH (Kunigal).**—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj be pleased to state :—

- (a) the number of Rig wells installed in Tumkur District (Drinking Water Wells);
- (b) the names of firms and agencies approved by the Stores Purchase Committee for purchase of hand pumps;
- (c) the cost of each Rig well including hand pump?

SRI K. PRABHAKAR (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj).—

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| (a) | (i) Sunk | 767 |
| | (ii) Successful | 604 |
- (b) There is no S. P. D. rate² contract for hand pumps.
 (c) About Rs. 12,000.

**CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTERS OF
URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:**

re: Strike by Aluminium Factory Workmen, Belgaum

SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—I call the attention of the Minister for Labour to the strike by Aluminium Factory workers in Belgaum.

SRI C. N. PATIL (Minister for Labour).—Regarding this I may be allowed three days time because conciliation is in progress. We may achieve something today or tomorrow. I will make a statement on Saturday or Monday.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Today it is 57th day of strike. The loss to the Central Government is Rs one crore per month and to the State Government it is Rs. 10 lakhs. The workers are also suffering. I request you to direct him to make a statement tomorrow. Today there is conciliation he can make a statement tomorrow.

SRI C. N. PATIL.—If conciliation succeeds today, tomorrow I will make a statement.

Notice under Rule 312

re : fall in prices of Silk Cocoons.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಬೈರೇಗೌಡ (ವೇವಗಲ್).—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನವರೇ ಇವತ್ತಿನದಿವಸ ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದುದು. ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಫಾರಿನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಚೇಂಜನ್ನು ತರುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ದಂತಹ ಈ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಏನಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಎರಡು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೈತರ ತಲೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಒಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಗೆಟ್ಟವನ್ನು ಎಳೆದಂತಹ ಒಂದು ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನೆಂದರೆ ಒಂದು ಕೆ. ಜಿ. ರೇಷ್ಮೆಗೆ ೨೫—೩೫ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಂಥಾದ್ದು ಇವತ್ತು ಒಂದು ಕೆ. ಜಿ. ರೇಷ್ಮೆಗೆ ೬, ೭, ೮, ೧೦, ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇಳಿದಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಈ ರೇಷ್ಮೆ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯವನ್ನು ಅವಲಂಬಿಸಿರತಕ್ಕ ಎರಡು ಲಕ್ಷ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಾನಿಯಾಗಿ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂತಹ ಆಸ್ತಿಪಾಸ್ತಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲವೂ ಹೋಗಿ ತಕ್ಕಂಥಾ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ಇರುವುದು ತುಂಬಾ ಶೋಚನೀಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ರೈತರೇ ದೇಶದ ಬೆನ್ನುಮೂಳೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳತಕ್ಕಂಥಾ ಈ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇವತ್ತು ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿಲ್ಲ. ರೈತರನ್ನು ಬಗ್ಗು ಬಡಿಯು ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಇಳಿಸಿದೆ. ನಾನು ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕವಾಗಿ ಈ ಖಾತೆಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮಾನ್ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮಂಜು ಅವರನ್ನು ಹೈದ್ರಾಬಾದ್‌ಗೆ ಕರೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು, ಅವರು ದಕ್ಷತೆಯಿಂದ